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SUBJECT: ROSSO -- FRG FERRY

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1. WE RAISED THE ISSUE CONTAINED IN REFTELS A AND B WITH FIDORA OF THE FRG AID MINISTRY. HE WAS NOT PARTICULARLY ENCOURAGING IN HIS RESPONSE NOTING THAT THE CONTRACT FOR THE FERRY CONSTRUCTION HAS NOT YET BEEN LET AND THAT HE EXPECTED THE FERRY TO BE COMPLETED AND READY FOR DELIVERY BY MAY/JUNE 1975 AT THE EARLIEST.

2. HE SAID THAT FRG PARTICIPATION IN THE "ROSSO PROJECT" INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION AND DELIVERY OF A FERRY OF 80 TON CAPACITY, THE CONSTRUCTION OF APPROPRIATE LANDING SITES ON BOTH SIDES OF THE SENEGAL RIVER AND THE PROVISION OF ADEQUATE MAINTENANCE FACILITIES. NO TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IS ENVISAGED. THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE COMPONENT OF THE PROJECT, ABOUT
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DM 5 MILLION, WILL BE COVERED BY AN FRG CAPITAL AID

LOAN UNDER THE FOLLOWING CONDITION: 30 YEAR MATURITY,
10 YEARS GRACE, 2.0 P/C0 INTEREST. IT IS A LOAN TIED TO
FRG DELIVERY.

3. THE BIDDING PROCESS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE
FERRY, HAS BEEN CONCLUDED AND THE CONTRACT WILL BE
AWARDED TO THE GERMAN FIRM KLOECKNER. NORMAL
CONSTRUCTION TIME IS ABOUT HALF A YEAR AFTER PLACEMENT
OF THE CONTRACT.

4. WE WERE TOLD THAT AGREEMENT ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF
THE LANDING SITES AND THE PROVISION OF THE MAINTENANCE
AND REPAIR FACILITIES HAS NOT YET BEEN CONCLUDED.
THE MAURITANIAN GOVERNMENT ASKED THE FRG TO PREPARE
A PROPOSAL ON THESE TOPICS. THE GERMAN AID OPERATING
AGENCY, KREDITANSTALT FUER WIEDERAUFBAU (KFW) HAS
SUBMITTED A PROPOSAL TO THE MAURITANIANS WHO HAVE
YET TO ACT ON IT. ONCE THE GIRM ACCEPTS THE PROPOSAL,
THE BIDDING PROCESS CAN BEGIN. THE GERMANS ARE NOT
PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE MAURITANIANS' DELAY
AND DOUBT, UNLESS THE DELAY CONTINUES INDEFINITELY,
THAT IT WILL AFFECT THE DELIVERY OF THE FERRY.
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